

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

S. HIRANO, et al.

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METHOD OF FRICTION STIR-SPOT WELDING AND
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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May 18, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2008, the period for response having been extended for two (2) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.